Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— The particular instance is the agrarian distress in the State. It has become necessary for the Government to go into the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— About the non-agriculturists?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon. — It is being investigated along with the economic survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to (e) may I know why?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— The same answer as (a).

Statistics of suicide in the State.

2. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Adverting to Question 59, dated 1st August 1933, regarding suicide statistics in the State and its economic causation, will the Government kindly say what the most common cause of suicide in this State is (vide sub-division answers (2) and (3)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Due to the complicated nature of the cases, it has not been possible to fix definitely the most common cause of suicides in the State. From a study of the cases of the Anjikaimal District for the year 1109, it is, however, found that only in 3 out of the 29 cases was poverty the motive for the crime. Some of the other causes for the prevalence of this crime in the State were (1) Incurable disease and acute pain, (2) Domestic quarrel, (3) Temporary insanity (4) Mental pain and (5) Fear of disgrace of penalty.

Economic aspect of crimes.

3. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to Question 65, dated 1st August 1933, regarding the economic aspect of crimes, will the Government kindly show the most common cause of crime ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— The member's attention is drawn to the answer to the Question No. 2.

Statistics of suicide in the State.

4. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Adverting to Question 59, dated 1st August 1933, regarding suicide statistics in the State and its economic causation, will the Government kindly state the methods they adopted to arrive at the figure "·375" to every 10 thousand of the population?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The total number of cases of suicide for the three years 1105, 1106 and 1107 for the whole State was taken and the average per year was found to be 45.

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45 cases for a population of about 12 lakhs work out roughly to ·375 per ten thousand.

Legislation against suicide—incongruity in.

5. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question 61, dated 1st August 1933, regarding incongruity in the existing legislation against suicide, will the Government be pleased to explain how the sixth word "that" in the fifth line of the body of the printed question has taken the place of the word "what" in the original manuscript so as to make the same unintelligible to the Law Member?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The word 'that' appearing in Question No. 61, dated 1st August 1933, is a mistake in printing. It has since been corrected as "what". The Government had before them at the time the answer was prepared the question in the correct form in which the Hon'ble Member put it. It was nevertheless not intelligible to the Government and hence the answer given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— If the question has been framed "how can you punish a man if the man has been forced to commit suicide by economic distress" would it be clear?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— That question would then be considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Is it now understood by the Hon'ble Member?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— The question now put is understood.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— May I know the answer to this question.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— I don't think, Sir, that this arises as a supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Is it the President's ruling?

President.—I think so.

Return of questions to remove unintelligibility.

6. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state why Question 61, dated 1st August 1933 was not returned to the Member who put it to get the unintelligibility removed from it?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The question was not returned to the Member as it had already been framed in accordance with rule 8 of the Legislative Council and as it did not require any amendment under Rule 10 (1) to render it admissible. There is no provision under the Regulation, Rules or Standing

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